



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2145

historic federal highway; special plates

Prime Sponsor: Representative Coleman, LD 16

DP Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DP Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2145 establishes both the Federal Highway Preservation Special License Plate and Fund and the First Responder Special License Plate and Fund.

PROVISIONS

1. Establishes the Historic Federal Highway Preservation special license plate and the First Responder special license plate for an entity that pays a separate \$32,000 for each plate establishment to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation.
 - a. Requires the individual that provides the \$32,000 to design the special plate which is subject to approval by ADOT.
 - b. Allows a request for the Historic Federal Highway Preservation Special License Plate or First Responder Special License Plate to be combined with a request for personalized plates.
2. Designates a \$25 fee for the original plate and renewals (\$8 for the administration fee and \$17 for the annual donation).
3. Requires ADOT to deposit all special plate administration fees in the State Highway Fund and all donations collected based on the respective plate in the Historic Federal Highway Preservation Special License Plate Fund (Historic Fund) or the First Responder Special Plate Fund (First Responders Fund).
4. Establishes the Historic Fund and the First Responders Fund and requires the Director of ADOT to administer both funds.
5. Mandates the first \$32,000 in the Historic Fund and the First Responders Fund to be reimbursed to the entity that financed the implementation fee.
6. Specifies that no more than 10% of monies deposited in the Historic Fund and the First Responders Fund can be used for administering either fund.
7. Requires the Director to annually allocate money from the respective plate fund to a designated charitable organization, qualified as such under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
 - a. Mandates the following to be required for the Historic Federal Plates charitable organization:
 - i. the organization is solely comprised of volunteers;
 - ii. the organization has been in existence for at least 30 years;

- iii. the organization has a dedicated mission to preserve, protect and promote a federal highway that is in the state;
 - iv. the organization has contributed to the accomplishment of designating the Federal Highway as a historic road and a natural scenic byway, and obtaining the All-American Road Status; and
 - v. the organization has assisted all communities in this state along the Federal Highway with preservation and marketing projects.
- b. States the First Responder Special Plates charitable organization must:
- i. offer immediate financial assistance, emotional support, peer training and professional referral services to families of public safety officers and firefighters who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty;
 - ii. offer scholarships to family members of public safety officers and firefighters who wish to continue their education beyond high school; and
 - iii. have been in existence for at least 45 years.
8. Mandates the State Treasurer to invest and divest monies from the Historic Fund and First Responder Fund on notice from the Director of ADOT.
9. Makes conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

Not currently addressed in statute.